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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Legislative Liaison
General Counsel

FROM: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Legislative Liaison

1. The establishment of the new Office of Legislative Liaison with its new-found responsibilities will soon unearth a number of gray areas sitting between the turf of OLL and that of OGC. As in all such cases it will take the full cooperation and at times good humor of both offices to ensure that it works well without friction and that the Agency will enjoy the best of product from both.

2. As a simple ground rule, I hold these tenets to be true: Clair George will be responsible for the day-to-day work on Capitol Hill involving legislative liaison--the lawyers in OLL will worry about that day-to-day function. However, they should not do that in a vacuum. I trust that if legislation is either considered or developed, the responsibilities of the General Counsel are kept in mind so that he is not delivered a package asking for signature having had no advance warning or, for that matter, collaboration. In other words, I want a constant dialogue between OLL and OGC when it comes to legislative matters.

3. When legislation is in final form as prepared by OLL, it of course will then be passed to the Director through the Office of General Counsel, who will remain the corporate general counsel, so to speak, for all of CIA regardless of organizational location.

4. There may be times when there are legal matters raised by Hill personages to our OLL representatives. I would trust that before any response is rendered there will be thorough coordination with the OGC.

5. On the other side of the coin, the Office of General Counsel will not get involved on the Hill in legal matters or in proposed legislation unless asked to do so by OLL and at all times in complete coordination with OLL.

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5. When it comes to Agency personnel assigned to OLL, I do not look to OLL to develop its own career service but rather it will call upon the Directorates and Independent Offices of the Agency for rotational tours. I believe that this process is already underway. I would just note, since the matter has been raised, that I look to the Office of General Counsel to supply the needed legal personnel to OLL to permit it to do its legislative job. Again these would be rotational assignments with their career retained in OGC.

6. Upon my return from my long overdue vacation, I will sit down with the two of you and see how things are sorting out.

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